

Charlotte CDSA Catchment Area Transition Plan, 2011-2012

The purpose of this document is to develop consistent transition practices and procedures between the Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) and the Local Education Agencies (LEA) within each catchment area. LEAs will need to agree to establish the same practices so that practices between the CDSA and all of the LEAs can be consistent and reliable. All parties will need to agree to the same processes/practices written in this plan and program leadership will need to sign off accordingly.

Who is "Potentially Eligible" for Part B Services?

All children enrolled in the Part C program at the time of transition shall be deemed "potentially eligible" for Part B services.

- The LEA **must** be notified of all children deemed "potentially eligible" who are enrolled in the Part C program.
- An Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) transition planning conference (TPC) must be held for all "potentially eligible children".
- The IFSP transition planning conference teams may make the determination that a formal referral to Part B is not appropriate. Part C and Part B staff will document on their copy of the Part C Written Notice/Invitation.
 - Or, the LEA may choose to schedule a comprehensive screening to determine the need for further evaluation.
 - If a potentially eligible child is screened to determine the need for further evaluation, the DEC 1, DEC 2 and DEC 5 process may be completed at the time of the screening. If DEC 1, DEC 2 and DEC 5 are completed, the 90-day timeline is started.
- In the event that the LEA **is not** invited to the transition conference, procedural safeguards for the Part B program and the appropriate program contact information will be provided to the family.

Reporting the Total Number of Children Enrolled in Part C

To assist LEAs with planning for the number of entry level assessments they must conduct (e.g., hire staff, develop contracts for personnel, etc), the CDSA will report the number of children enrolled in its program to the LEAs on a regular basis, as defined below. Unduplicated child counts should be reported for all children who have reached 2 years, 3 months of age by the reporting date.

1. Please indicate the timeline for the CDSA's regular transmission of total number of children enrolled in the Part C program from the CDSA to the LEAs. List the day(s) of the month data will be transmitted.
 - **Data for students that are 2 years, 3 months will be sent electronically by the 5th of every month**
2. Please list the primary CDSA contact (list position), email address and phone number of the responsible party for sending the Child Find (CF) Notification.
 - **Susan Bell, (704) 336-2097, susan.bell@mecklenburgcountync.gov**

3. Please list the primary LEA contact (list position), email address and phone number of the responsible party for receiving and logging in CF Notification information (list for each LEA as applicable).
 - **Charlotte Mecklenburg – Monique Luckey, (980) 343-2772, m.luckey@cms.k12.nc.us**

Child Find (CF) Notification:

Notification is required for all potentially eligible children who are enrolled in Part C and who will soon reach the age of three (i.e., 2 years, 3 months to 2 years, 9 months). These are reported in Part C Indicator 8(b) and Part B Indicator 12(a). All children enrolled in Part C system will be included in a Child Find directory listing (CF Notification) that will be transmitted electronically, with password protection, to the LEA. The required information from the CDSA is listed on the sample Notification spreadsheet (See page 13) and includes:

- Date of CF Notification
- First and Last Name of the Potentially Eligible Child
- Parent Name
- Address
- Phone
- Date of Birth
- Home Language
- Early Intervention Service Coordinator Name (EISC name)

Each LEA CF Notification must be provided to the LEA where the toddler with a disability resides. This notification is not the start of the 90-day timeline for Part B eligibility and placement determination. Parental consent is not required for CF Notification. The Procedural Safeguards will be shared with families during the transition process. See North Carolina Transition Planning Timeline on page 12.

1. Please indicate the timeline for regular transmission of the child find/transition data from the CDSA to the LEAs. List the day(s) of the month data will be transmitted.
 - **A list of children who turn 2 years, 3 months in the previous month will be sent by the 5th of each month.**
2. Please list the primary CDSA contact (list position), email address & phone number of the responsible party at the CDSA send the CF Notification.
 - **Susan Bell, (704) 336-2097, susan.bell@mecklenburgcountync.gov**
3. Please list the primary LEA contact (list position), email address & phone number in the LEA who will receive and document the CF Notification information (list for each LEA as applicable).
 - **Charlotte-Mecklenburg – Monique Luckey, (980) 343-2772, m.luckey@cms.k12.nc.us**
4. Please indicate the method in which the CDSA and LEA contacts will ensure confidentiality through the use of password protection.
 - **Sent via email with password protection**
5. Please indicate whether lists will be duplicated or unduplicated (i.e., one list will build upon the next).
 - **Unduplicated**

Scheduling the Transition Planning Conference

The most effective method of scheduling transition conferences is for both CDSA and LEA staff to have regularly established dates on which conferences are held. This should assure the adequate allocation of resources and staff time for attendance at all meetings. The Early Intervention Service Coordinator is responsible for scheduling, with input from the parent and LEA, and for holding the transition conference. The Preschool Staff is responsible for participating in all transition conferences, when invited. Part B Procedural Safeguards must be provided to the family during the transition process.

1. Please describe the agreed upon transition conference scheduling process between the CDSA and each of its LEAs.
 - **The CDSA EISC will contact the appropriate LEA representative (one of five) based on assigned zip code.**
 - **Monday is the designated day for the TPC meetings during the school year.**
 - **The transition conferences will be scheduled using Outlook Express.**
2. Please list the parties responsible for scheduling the transition conferences. List the appropriate CDSA and the LEA staff.
 - **Each CDSA service coordinator will contact their specific LEA representative.**
3. Please describe how the CDSA and LEAs will maintain an up-to-date contact list for staff responsible for scheduling and attending the transition conferences.
 - **At the beginning of each year the CDSA and LEA inform each other of any changes.**
 - **If there are any changes during the year, each organization notifies each other.**
4. Please list the parties responsible for updating the contact list when changes occur in staffing. List responsible parties for the CDSA and each of the LEAs in this catchment area.
 - **CDSA – Cris Loesser, (704) 336-7186, cris.loesser@mecklenburgcountync.gov**
 - **LEA – Monique Luckey, (980) 343-2772, m.luckey@cms.k12.nc.us**

Invitation to the Transition Planning Conference

The Part C staff must send an invitation (Part C Written Notice/Invitation) to the LEA with written or oral parental consent. The invitation should be sent at least ten calendar days prior to the meeting. However, best practice is to develop a collaborative process for scheduling transition conferences to ensure attendance by all required participants.

For some children, Part B may not be invited to the transition conference. Procedural safeguards for the Part B program will be provided to the family during the transition process.

1. Please indicate the agreed upon process for transmitting the invitation to the IFSP transition planning conference. Note if it will be transmitted electronically by email, fax, or through the United States Postal Service.
 - **All invitations will be emailed or faxed to Monique Luckey, (980) 343-5433 (fax).**
2. Please note how the CDSA will monitor timely issuance of invitations.
 - **Included on CDSA Transition Log**
3. Please note how the LEAs will log in invitations once received.
 - **Monique Luckey will enter the information into Child Find Notification Data Sharing Spreadsheet.**
4. Please indicate how the CDSA will inform the LEA if a child exits Part C after the transition planning conference has been held.
 - **EISC will send via email to Monique Luckey, (980) 343-2772, m.luckey@cms.k12.nc.us.**
5. Please note how the LEA staff will attend transition planning conferences held during the summer months.
 - **Attempt to schedule early in the summer**
 - **Rotate staff to attend meetings**
 - **LEA will develop a plan to cover summer months for the TPC**
6. Note how the CDSA and LEAs will conduct a self-assessment of this process.
 - **Semi-annual meeting including: John Ellis, Cris Loesser, Monique Luckey, and Trish Tanger**

Late Referrals to Part C (90 days to 45 days prior to the child's third birthday)

See Federal IDEA Part C & Part B Transition Requirements for Late Referral to Part C on page 10 & 11.

When children are referred to Part C as they are approaching age three, there are different program and reporting requirements for the IDEA Part C and Part B programs depending on the age of the child. Please see attachments on pages 10 and 11 for timelines and roles and responsibilities of Parts C and B staff. Coordination between the IDEA Part C and Part B programs is critical to ensure that both programs can reach and maintain 100% compliance with SPP/APR Indicators Part C8 and Part B12 on early childhood transition. It is also critical to ensure that families gain an understanding of the different service delivery systems and their options in a compassionate and meaningful way.

Part B conducts assessments and develops the IEP within 90 days of referral (or sooner if timeline expires after the third birthday). Part B informs the family that the Part C Service Coordinator must be invited to the IEP meeting at the parent's request, and; invites Part C staff if the parent requests. Data are reported in Indicators Part B11, B12 (a) and B12 (e).

1. For children referred to the Part C program between 90 and 45 days prior to their third birthday, the transition conference is *NOT* required. The programs may, however, choose to do so and may conduct the initial IFSP and IEP Team meeting concurrently to meet Parts C and B timelines. Please indicate below the agreement on a standardized practice for conducting initial IFSP and IEP Team meetings.
 - **With parental consent, CDSA notifies LEA via Child Find and makes referral.**
 - **After eligibility determination for Part C, CDSA works with the family to determine if a TPC is desired.**
 - **If family is interested, the LEA is notified.**
2. Parts C and B programs may also choose to jointly conduct evaluations for respective eligibility criteria to meet Parts C and B timelines. Please indicate below the agreed upon standardized practice for conducting evaluations for eligibility determination for both programs. How will the CDSA and LEAs attempt to collaborate?
 - **CDSA completes Part C eligibility determination and with parental consent shares that information with CMS.**
 - **CMS schedules and completes additional evaluations if needed for Part B eligibility.**
3. Please indicate the agreed upon process for transmitting the invitation to the initial IFSP and IEP Team conferences. Note if it will be transmitted electronically by email, fax, or through the United States Postal Service.
 - **All invitations will be emailed or faxed to Monique Luckey, (930) 343-5433 (f), m.luckey@cms.k12.nc.us.**

Late Referral to Part C (45 days before third birthday)

See Federal IDEA Part C & Part B Transition Requirements for Late Referral to Part C on pages 10 & 11.

Part C can choose NOT to act on these referrals and the child is not considered served by Part C. LEA Notification and transition plan are **NOT** required unless eligibility is determined. A transition conference is NOT required. Part C assists the family in contacting the LEA and facilitates initiating the Part B process. Part B treats it as an initial referral if the parent initiated a request for an evaluation and provides parents with their procedural safeguards notice and Part B information. Part B completes the written referral, reviews existing data, provides prior written notice, and obtains parental consent if new assessments are needed. The Service Coordinator is not invited to the IEP Team meeting since the child was not served in Part C.

1. Please indicate the agreed upon process for Part C contacting the Part B program upon receipt of a late referral (45 days before the 3rd birthday). Note the following: a) timeline for contacting Part B program upon receipt of late referral, b) form of documentation, and c) method or process for transmitting information, e.g., electronically, by email, fax or phone.
 - **Part C does not evaluate nor enroll these aged children into the ITP program. A CDSA intake staff will give information to the family on how to access the Part B program.**

ATTACHMENTS

North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program Written Notice/Invitation

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date: _____

Dear _____

This letter is to provide notice of the following: (check all that apply)

Eligibility

- ☐ A meeting to discuss/determine your child's eligibility for the NC Infant-Toddler Program.
- ☐ Your child is eligible for the NC Infant-Toddler Program.
- ☐ Your child is not eligible for the NC Infant-Toddler Program.

Evaluation

- ☐ An evaluation subsequent to initial IFSP development.

IFSP

- ☐ An initial meeting to develop your Individualized Family Service Plan.
- ☐ A six-month review of your Individualized Family Service Plan.
- ☐ An annual meeting to review your Individualized Family Service Plan.
- ☐ Other review.

Transition

- ☐ A meeting to add (or review) the transition plan to your child's Individualized Family Service Plan.
- ☐ A Transition planning conference.

Date of referral to Part C: _____

Primary Language: _____

The NC Infant-Toddler Program is required to provide you with written prior notice within ten (10) calendar days before proposing or refusing to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child or the provision of appropriate early intervention services to your child or family.

Action being proposed or refused:

(Required for notice) Reasons why this action(s) is being proposed, or refused, including a description of information used to make this decision (i.e. parent interview information, evaluation/assessment procedures, reports, records, etc.)

- ☐ You have indicated that the following is convenient for you:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Address: _____

- ☐ I have been unable to reach you to schedule an appointment so the following have been selected. Please call and confirm this date, time, and place are convenient.

Date: _____ Time: _____ Address: _____

You have given consent for the following people to be invited and/or be informed of the above. They will receive a copy of this notice or if indicated above in the transition box, this Invitation to Transition Planning Conference.

(Please include name and relationship/agency information)

EISC Name: _____

CDSA Name: _____ CDSA Phone Number: _____

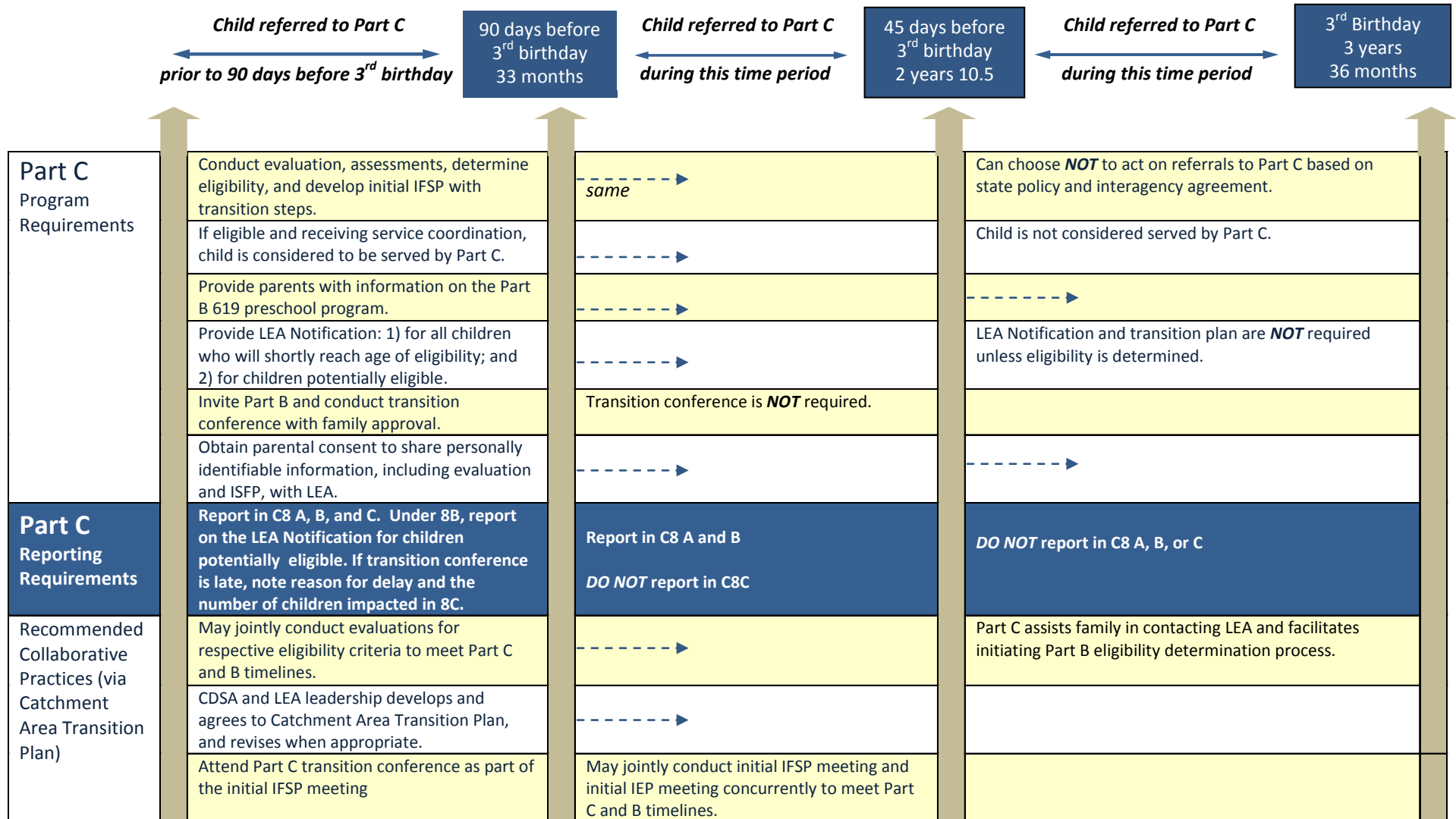
Parental Notice of Child and Family Rights and Procedural Safeguards:

A copy of the North Carolina Infant-Toddler Program Notice of Child and Family Rights document is provided to you and pertinent rights and procedural safeguards are reviewed and explained as an accompaniment to all written prior notice forms.

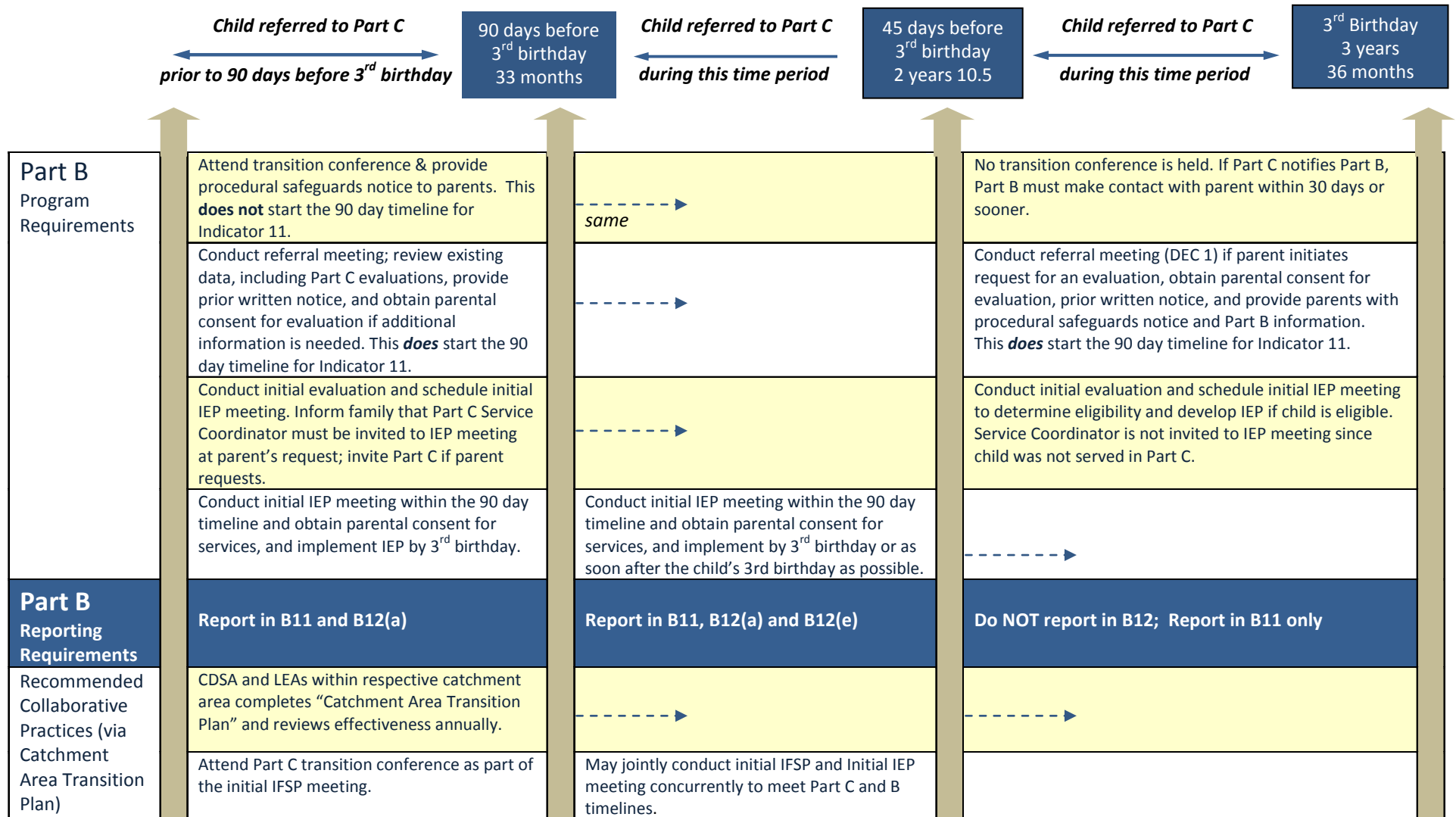
For CDSA Use (check and complete all that apply):

- ☐ Notice mailed on _____
- ☐ Notice hand-delivered on _____
- ☐ Parent agreed on _____
- To have the proposed action(s) occur sooner and not wait the ten (10) day prior notice time.

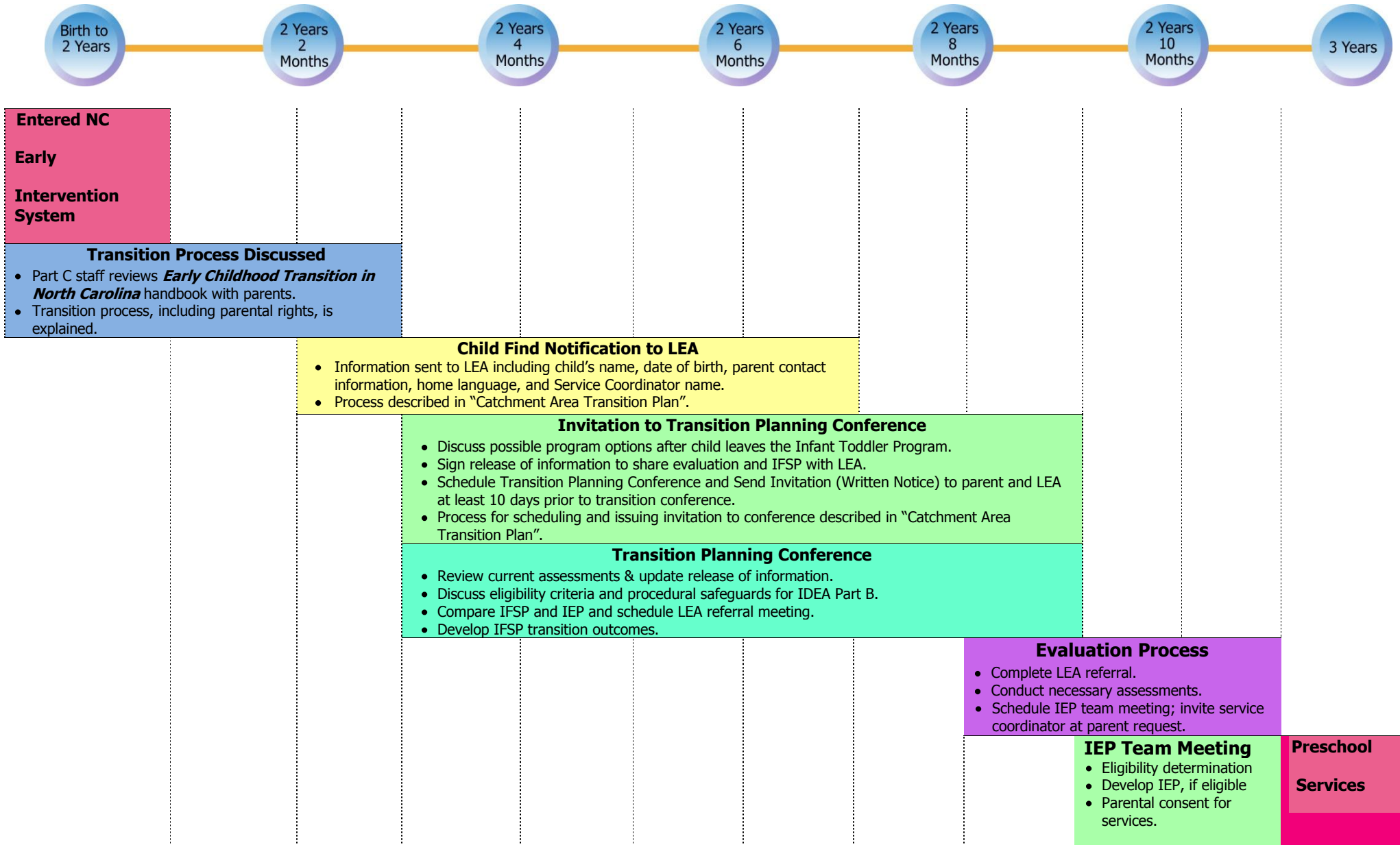
North Carolina IDEA Part C & Part B Transition Requirements for Late Referrals to Part C



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h Carolina Early Childhood Transition Timeline



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Sample Child Find Notification Data Sharing Spreadsheet

Instructions: Part C Service Coordinator supervisor or designee completes section in green and transmits to Part B designee according to the process described in Catchment Area Transition Plan.

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